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FOUR FIGHT WARMS UP

With only six rounds left the battle for the State League top four is warming up.

Australian referee for Tokyo?

By MARTIN ASTON
It is possible that an Australian Soccer referee will be one of the four neutral referees selected by FIFA to control matches at the Olympic Games in Tokyo.

Australian Soccer Federation secretary Mr Bob Clark said this yesterday. The logical choice would be the top Sydney referee Tony Boskovic or either of Victoria's Luigi Cadelli or Roger Lamb.

But Boskovic has fallen from favor following his occasional allegation to the Soccer Federation that an Hakoah official was campaigning to force him out of the game.

He named the official in a letter to the federation.

Hakoah president Mr Karel Rodny threatened to take legal action against Boskovic after the dispute was made public by "Sydney Morning Herald" writer Terry Smith.

The federation is investigating Boskovic's allegation.

Boskovic was relegated to the relatively unimportant match between Budapest-St George and Corinthian last Sunday, but he kept in the headlines by sending off two players, Johnny Galambos (Budapest) and Tom Arnold (Corinthian), for fighting.

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Soccer chiefs to meet the refs.

The Victorian Soccer Federation executive will meet the Referees' Association "within two weeks" to discuss mutual problems.

The executive decided this on Monday night. Mr George Pedler, president of the Referees' Association, claimed last week that his association had been waiting nine months for an audience with the executive.

● What readers say on the current referees controversy—see Page 4.

ence with the executive.

FEDERATION ACTS TO BRING BACK LOST 'GATES'

In a move to lift falling attendances in Soccer, the Victorian Soccer Federation is almost certain to play only the best games at Olympic Park in future.

The Federation Fixtures Committee hinted this with their draw for Olympic Park games, announced on Monday night. The draw is published on Page 7 today.

In the past, fixtures have been drawn so that each club gets a fair share of games at headquarters — and the big gates which go with it.

But attendances this year have been so poor that the Federation has decided to act to recapture the lost crowds.

Officials had hoped that the Everton tour would have brought back the "lost" British followers of the game, but this has not worked out.

Attendance figures at Olympic Park so far this year are down 20,000 on the same period last year.

In July last year 38,000 people attended Park games. This year only 30,000 attended.

Admittedly the cold winter has kept many people away, but this has not been the real reason.

It is obvious that Soccer fans will not attend Olympic Park in force unless the game of the week is billed there.

A glaring example was last Saturday when the Olympic Park game between Wertheim and George Cross drew fewer than 1000. But at Middle Park where the match of the year, Juventus v S.M.-Hellas, was played, more than 7000 attended.

Imagine the crowd if this was played at Olympic Park on Sunday.

Commenting on the fixtures committee draw for Olympic Park for August, a federation official said last night: "No-one could have picked better games. These should bring in the crowds."

Soccer News has always advocated that the match of



● J.U.S.T. forward Ted Pejovic slams the ball towards goal in the match against Triestina at Olympic Park on Sunday. J.U.S.T. won 2-1.

On present form, the sides now in the first four places are likely to stay there.

But George Cross and Polonia have an outside chance and they will be fighting hard to make the grade.

Here are the games ahead for the top six teams:—

● JUVENTUS — Melbourne, Slavia, Alexander, Lions, Hakoah, Polonia.
● SLAVIA — Hakoah, Juventus, J.U.S.T., George Cross, Wertheim, Triestina.

● J.U.S.T. — S.M.-Hellas, Melbourne, Slavia, Alexander, Lions, Hakoah.

● S.M.-HELLAS — J.U.S.T., George Cross, Wertheim, Triestina, Polonia, Melbourne.

● GEORGE CROSS — Triestina, S.M.-Hellas, Melbourne, Slavia, Alexander, Lions.

● POLONIA — Wertheim, Lions, Triestina, Hakoah, S.M.-Hellas, Juventus.

Picture night

Juventus will hold a picture night of the Eintracht v Real Madrid film at the Carlton Theatre, Faraday St, Carlton, this Friday night. All proceeds are for the Juventus club.

FALZON, DOHERTY MAY COME BACK

Offers to return to Melbourne have been made to former Victorian star Fred Falzon by South Melbourne-Hellas and Juventus.

And yet another top player who was lured to Sydney last year, John Doherty, is likely to return to Melbourne next season.

He is talking about rejoining his former club, Slavia.

Falzon revealed in an exclusive interview with Soccer News Sydney correspondent Martin Aston that he has lost his job as a car salesman and at present is earning £16 a week as a truck driver.

He said that the offer from South Melbourne-Hellas is a highly attractive one.

Falzon is almost certain to accept it unless he can gain a position in Sydney as a sales representative.

He also has been told that he would have no trouble regaining his old position with the Education Department if he returned to Victoria.

Prague would be reluctant to let Falzon go because he has struck top form in recent matches.

But Doherty has lost form to such an extent that he was dropped from the South Coast team last week at his own request.

He has not scored a goal for two months.

"I need a rest from football... perhaps it will come back to me after a short break," said Doherty.

Slavia centre forward David Meechan has been training with Apia and it would not surprise if the Sydney club make a bid for him.

Apia have suspended their former Austrian star, Karl Jaros, and their other star forward, Johnny Wong, is having a bad run with injuries.

Wong is inclined to pull a muscle when the weather is cold.

SOCCER HOUSE FOR WA NOW

The West Australian Soccer Federation is about to follow Victoria's lead and buy its own Soccer House. They will spend about £20,000 on a building in Perth.

Money received from English Soccer pools firms will be used to finance the project.

A sub-committee has inspected several buildings in and near the city and the federation is now interested in buying an £18,000 property in West Perth.

The federation's annual income from

English Soccer pools is about £3000. This is paid for the copyright on local fixtures.

Until now most of the money has been divided between local clubs, but the 29 clubs in the federation have agreed that all proceeds from pools for the next five years should be retained by the federation in order to establish a headquarters.

It is planned to have a licensed club on the premises, which will be known as Soccer House.

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Bitter truth!

Moreland's Eric Heath was playing for the coaches against F.N.D. at Flinders on Sunday. (F.N.D. won 6-2).

Two players in F.N.D.'s team impressed Eric very much — in fact they had given him a proper bath in his right back position.

After the game he said he was going to approach them to ask them to play for Moreland.

Then someone told him the bitter truth... the two players were Hellas stars Jimmy Adam and John Anderson, on loan to F.N.D. for the day.

Who's for 0?

Phil Gibbs, sporting editor of Channel O, is expected to announce the new Soccer commentator for the new channel this weekend.

He said yesterday that he had received many applications for the position and he was keen to select the best man who would appeal not only to Soccer followers but to followers of other sporting codes.

Phil's first sports show will be seen on August 7. Channel O opens on August 1.

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BACKGROUND TO SOCCER

Now THEY'RE poaching Bert

It has finally happened . . . Sydney's dangerous goal-chaser Herbert Ninaus has become the first Australian player to be illegally "poached" by an overseas club.

He is booked to return home to Austria in a

fortnight despite the fact that his club, Hakoah, have refused to give him a clearance to play there.

Ninaus has received an offer of £1500 plus a free air ticket to join an unknown Austrian club.

This is the first instance of an attempt being made to "poach" an Australian player since our return to FIFA.

Australian Soccer Federation secretary, Mr. Bob Clark, has officially protested to Austria on behalf of the Hakoah club.

"We have protested to Austria about illegal approaches to their former player, Herbert Ninaus, who received an offer of £1500 plus free air passage if he would return to Austria," said Mr Clark in an official information bulletin this week.

Ninaus is one of the players for whom the federation has had to pay compensation to Austria and that is why Hakoah are entitled to demand a big transfer fee for him.

Talk in Soccer circles here is that Hakoah would ask at least £5000 for him.

Obviously reports have got back to Europe of how Ninaus scored three spectacular goals in two matches against the touring Everton team.

Such a feat would attract attention anywhere in the world.

Hakoah dropped Ninaus to the second team last Sunday.

But he gave the club a fitting answer by scoring five goals against Croatia.

Whiskers! THEY'RE THE TALK OF THE SOCCER WORLD

The way things are going, some of our superstitious Soccer players are going to be walking around looking like members of Fidel Castro's army.

It all started when Argentinean inside left Victor Fernandez forgot to shave before playing for Budapest-St. George two months ago.

His team scored a surprise win and Fernandez decided that his absent-mindedness had brought luck.

And it had, because Budapest were beaten on the only occasion since then that Fernandez forgot himself and shaved off his whiskers.

He did this for a social engagement.

So Fernandez has decided that he will continue to grow a beard until after Budapest win the premiership . . . and there is a good chance they will achieve success.

His new appearance certainly makes Fernandez look the part when he indulges in his spare time hobby of painting in oils.

Pan-Hellenics lively right half, Sotos Patrinos, decided recently that he would grow a moustache for luck.

It certainly proved effective enough a week ago when Patrinos gave his best display of the season to inspire Pan-Hellenic to gain a surprise 4-0 win over Hakoah.

But last weekend Pan-Hellenic suffered the humiliating experience of being beaten by the bottom team in the competition, Canterbury-Marrickville.

Patrinos did not know whether to cut off his moustache or cut his throat.

Prague's former Fulham wing half John Bond slept in and had to rush to the ground without shaving before last Saturday's match against Cumberland United.

He came in for a "roasting" from his teammates.

"Are you trying to build up a 'killer' instinct?" asked Australian captain Les Scheinflug.

But Bond had the last laugh because he gained the award for the best player on the field when Prague gained a 1-0 win over Cumberland.

He said that in future he will never shave on the day of a match.

South Coast's Australian squad inside forward Graham Barnett gained a lot of publicity for cultivating a beard when he was playing with Port Vale in England.

Particularly as Port Vale had a surprisingly successful run in the FA Cup which coincided with Barnett's decision to grow a beard.

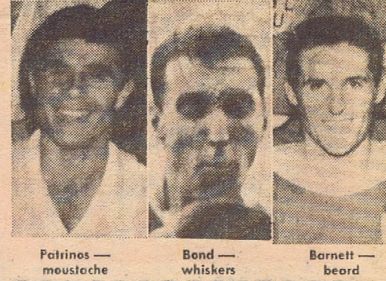
He decided to grow another beard this year because he thought it might bring him luck in gaining selection in the Australian team against Everton.

And it did.

Barnett shaved it off as soon as he gained selection in the Australian squad, but perhaps he should have retained the beard because he gave a disappointing display against Everton in Melbourne.

He is now considering whether to cultivate another beard because South Coast have figured in four goalless draws in the second round of the competition.

—MARTIN ASTON



Two clubs want to come here

By MARTIN ASTON

Who wants to play a match against the highly rated Hungarian team Vasas or the Czechoslovakian club Jednota Trencin?

Both these teams want to come here for a series of matches at the end of this year.

Vasas are interested in negotiating for up to 10 games in Australia between November 1 and December 20.

As a starting point they require a payment of 2000 dollars a match as well as return air fares and accommodation for a party of 20 people.

Their agent in Australia is Mr J. Baneth, of 78 Drumalbyn Rd, Bellevue Hill, Sydney, and anyone interested should contact him.

You can get "Jednota" Trencin to come here at a slightly cheaper rate.

There are willing to play for a fee of 1500 dollars a match as well as air fares and accommodation for a party of 23 people.

But they also are asking for an allowance of three dollars a day pocket money for their players.

The address is "Jednota" Trencin, Trencin, Czechoslovakia.

The National team of Malta also is available to make a tour of Australia at time and on conditions to be negotiated.

Their address is: Malta Football Association, 84 Old Mint St, Valletta, Malta.

These details were made available by Bob Clark, the Australian Soccer Federation secretary.

We may be in Moomba

The Victorian Soccer Federation has been invited to enter a float in the next Moomba parade.

A sub-committee will be set up to investigate the request.

FIFA PAID £3000

The 1964 instalment of £3000 will be paid by FIFA by the end of the month.

Australia owes a sum about £18,000 for the players poached here when were suspended by world body.

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STATE LEAGUE	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Juventus	16	9	4	3	29	18	22
Slavia	16	9	4	3	25	17	22
J.U.S.T.	16	8	5	3	26	20	21
S.M.-Hellas	16	9	3	4	42	35	21
George Cross	16	7	4	5	27	22	18
Polonia	15	6	4	5	33	19	16
Hakoah	16	5	4	7	37	36	14
Melbourne	16	6	2	8	33	39	14
Wilhelmina	16	5	3	8	27	34	13
Lions	16	3	5	7	29	35	11
Triestina	16	4	3	9	15	29	11
Alexander	16	3	1	12	17	36	7

STATE LEAGUE RESERVES	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Polonia	16	10	2	4	52	26	22
Hakoah	15	11	0	4	47	25	22
George Cross	13	10	1	2	41	15	21
Juventus	15	8	1	6	51	25	17
Wilhelmina	14	8	1	5	43	29	17
Melbourne	14	8	0	6	46	33	16
Slavia	16	7	1	8	33	25	14
Lions	16	6	2	8	23	28	14
S.M.-Hellas	13	6	1	6	22	23	13
Triestina	15	3	1	11	20	58	7
J.U.S.T.	14	2	2	10	16	54	6
Alexander	15	3	0	12	13	54	6

FIRST DIVISION	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Makedonia	15	13	2	0	50	11	28
Croatia	15	11	3	1	40	14	25
Sandringham	15	8	3	4	31	21	19
Oakleigh	15	8	2	5	32	29	18
Box Hill	15	6	4	5	25	25	15
Moreland	15	6	3	6	34	32	15
Coburg	15	6	2	7	38	39	14
Austria	16	6	2	8	35	39	14
Dandenong	16	6	2	8	35	39	14
Richmond	16	4	1	11	24	43	9
Sunshine City	16	3	2	11	23	43	8
Bayswater	15	1	2	12	21	55	4

FIRST DIVISION RESERVES	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Dandenong	15	10	4	1	46	25	24
Box Hill	15	11	1	3	45	13	23
Croatia	15	9	2	4	36	20	20
Coburg	15	9	2	4	45	29	20
Makedonia	14	6	4	5	35	28	16
Moreland	15	5	4	6	31	25	14
Sunshine City	15	6	2	7	37	38	14
Austria	15	5	3	7	39	56	13
Oakleigh	15	5	3	7	23	42	13
Sandringham	15	3	4	8	25	36	10
Bayswater	15	2	3	10	24	43	7
Richmond	15	3	0	12	10	41	6

SECOND DIVISION	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Moonee Ponds	17	11	5	1	34	14	27
Collingwood	16	9	6	1	41	17	24
Fernfree Gully	15	9	2	4	48	31	20
Libertos	16	8	3	5	28	23	19
Brighton	16	6	4	6	29	27	16
Prahran	16	7	0	9	27	37	14
Park Rangers	15	4	5	6	37	33	13
South Yarra	16	3	7	6	20	34	13
St. Albans	14	4	4	6	19	16	12
Williamstown	16	5	2	9	31	53	12
University	15	4	3	8	26	25	11
F.N.D.	16	3	1	12	20	50	7

SECOND DIVISION RESERVES	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Brighton	16	13	1	2	64	18	27
Prahran	16	9	4	3	40	22	22
South Yarra	16	9	2	5	45	24	20
Park Rangers	14	9	2	3	33	19	20
Fernfree Gully	15	8	3	4	33	18	19
Frankston	14	6	1	7	31	25	13
University	15	5	3	7	25	30	13
Collingwood	15	6	0	9	20	28	12
Moonee Ponds	16	5	2	9	26	34	12
Moarobbin	15	4	1	10	13	57	9
St. Albans	15	3	2	10	21	40	8
Williamstown	15	3	1	11	20	56	7

THIRD DIVISION	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Ringwood	16	13	2	1	50	12	28
Springvale	16	13	2	1	70	19	28
Frankston	17	12	3	2	52	21	27
Trident	17	9	2	6	32	19	20
Essendon	16	7	3	6	36	38	17
Moarobbin	17	7	1	9	21	32	15
Sunshine Heights	17	6	3	8	17	40	15
I.C.I.	17	7	1	9	35	52	15
Heidelberg	16	5	3	8	19	31	13
Croydon	17	5	1	11	27	65	11
Northcote	17	3	3	11	21	41	9
Resub	15	0	15	0	0	0	0

FOURTH DIVISION	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Waverley	17	14	2	1	70	12	30
Ajax	15	13	1	1	50	13	27
Albion Rovers	17	13	0	4	63	8	26
Hercules	16	12	1	3	64	20	25
Glenroy	16	10	2	4	64	20	22
Tullamarine	17	8	2	7	35	45	18
Chelsea	15	4	3	8	28	39	11
Moarobark	17	5	1	11	26	56	11
Helvetic	17	4	2	11	22	51	10
Flemington	17	3	3	11	27	56	9
Melita	16	1	2	13	19	67	4
Huntingdale	16	1	1	14	9	90	3

Olympic Park fixtures

SAT. AUG. 1 — Juventus v Melbourne.
SUN. AUG. 2 — J.U.S.T. v S.M.-Hellas.
SAT. AUG. 8 — Melbourne v J.U.S.T.
SUN. AUG. 9 — Slavia v Juventus.
SAT. AUG. 15 — George Cross v Melbourne.
SUN. AUG. 16 — Wilhelmina v S.M.-Hellas.
All matches kick-off at 2.45 p.m.
No curtain raiser matches will be played.

Sydney results

South Coast 0 drew with Apia 0; Prague 1 (B. Tristram) beat Cumberland United 0; Hakoah 2 (M. Bell, J. Christie) beat Croatia 1 (L. Tomich); Budapest 3 (George 3 A. Stokes, M. Schaefer, V. Fernandez) beat Corinthian 0; Canterbury-Marrickville 3 (R. Baker, R. Dougan, W. Travers) beat Pan-Hellenic 1 (S. Paton); Yugal 3 (E. Schwarz, D. Palmer, J. Medina) beat Bankstown 0.

W D L F A P	South Coast	10	3	5	34	20	25
	Apia	11	5	2	46	29	24
	Budapest	9	5	4	41	26	22
	Hakoah	10	6	2	39	32	22
	Prague	10	7	1	41	25	21
	Yugal	9	6	4	40	41	21
	Cumberland	8	7	3	45	32	19
	Pan-Hellenic	9	8	1	39	35	19
	Croatia	6	6	5	37	18	18
	Bankstown	4	10	4	28	41	12
	Corinthian	2	12	4	33	52	8
	Canterbury	2	15	1	22	69	5

THIS WEEK-END

STATE LEAGUE	W	D	L	F	A	P
Lions v Alexander	10	3	5	34	20	25
Hakoah v Slavia	11	5	2	46	29	24
Juventus v Melbourne	10	6	2	39	32	22
J.U.S.T. v S.M.-Hellas	10	7	1	41	25	21
George Cross v Triestina	9	6	4	40	41	21
Wilhelmina v Polonia	8	7	3	45	32	19

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Sunshine Heights v Heidelberg	11	5	2	46	29	24
Essendon v Northcote	10	6	2	39	32	22
Springvale v Moorabbin	10	7	1	41	25	21
Trident v Ringwood	9	6	4	40	41	21

JUNIOR LADDERS NORTH OF YARRA

UNDER 12 WEST	W	D	L	F	A	P
L.U.S.T.	8	0	1	31	8	16
Nth. Sunshine	8	0	2	35	16	16
Olympia	6	1	3	25	11	13
Ardeer	5	2	2	32	8	12
Sunshine City	3	1	6	11	25	7
Sunshine Heights	2	3	7	7	21	7
Ajax	3	0	7	12	29	6
Deer Park I.C.I.	0	1	9	3	42	1

UNDER 12 NORTH	W	D	L	F	A	P
Lions-Bms	8	1	1	41	6	17
W. Newport (L)	8	0	1	34	12	16
Carlton	6	1	2	32	13	13
Collingwood	6	0	4	29	20	12
Essendon	4	0	2	22	32	8
Glen United	3	0	7	8	44	6
Altona North	2	0	6	3	26	4
Brunswick SS	1	0	6	9	11	3

LAST WEEKEND'S RESULTS

STATE LEAGUE: Polonia 5, Alexander 1; Slavia 2; Lions 3; Melbourne 6; Hakoah 2; S.M.-Hellas 1; Juventus 2; Triestina 1; J.U.S.T. 2; Wilhelmina 0; George Cross 4.
STATE LEAGUE RESERVES: Polonia 4, Alexander 0; Slavia 2; Lions 6; Melbourne 1; Hakoah 7; S.M.-Hellas 3; Juventus 1.
FOURTH DIVISION: Coburg 2, University 3; Croydon 2, Sandringham 3; Croatia 1, Dandenong 5; Austria 1, Makedonia 2 (extra time).
FIRST DIVISION: Richmond 4, Sunshine City 1; Dandenong 5, Austria 1.
SECOND DIVISION: Williamstown 1, Moonee Ponds 2; Libertos 0, Collingwood 2; South Yarra 2, F.N.D. 1.
THIRD DIVISION: Ringwood 5, Croydon 1; Moorabbin 2, Heidelberg 1; Northcote 2, I.C.I. 5; Trident 2, Sunshine Heights 1; Essendon 3, Frankston 7.
HARRY ARMSTRONG RESERVE CUP: Box Hill 3, Makedonia 0; Brighton 0, University 3; Dandenong 7, South Yarra 0; Richmond 0, Oakleigh 7; Fernfree Gully 2, Prahran 1; Frankston 3, Bayswater 0; Sandringham 1, Coburg 0.

NSW Juniors want a game

The Guildford Wanderers Soccer Club of Sydney want to send two junior teams to Melbourne (Under-16 and 17) for the weekends of August 21 or 28. Guildford play in the Granville District competition. Clubs interested should contact secretary W. Boyle, 541 Guildford Rd, Guildford, NSW.

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Overseas Results

RUSSIA: Moscow Spartak 4, Volga 1; Dynamo (Moscow) 0, Torpedo (Moscow) 0; Shinnik (Yaroslavl) 1, Kairat (Alma Ata) 0; Neftyanik (Baku) 3, Shakhtyor (Donetsk) 1; Dynamo (Tbilisi) 1, Torpedo (Kutaisi) 0; Zenit (Leningrad) 1, Dynamo (Minsk) 1; Army Sports Club (Rostov-on-Don) 2, Dynamo (Kiev) 2.
JULY 20 matches: Dynamo 2, Dynamo (Kiev) 1; Torpedo 1, Dynamo (Moscow) 0; Volga 1, Krylya Sovetov 1; Zenit 0, Torpedo (Moscow) 4; Shakhtyor 0, Ska 2; Spartak 0, Dynamo 0.
NORWAY: Fredrikstad 4, Brann 0; Lyn 1, Sandefjord 1; Viking 1, Sarpsborg 0.
AMERICA: A.E.K. of Athens and Schwechatzer of Vienna played a goalless draw in their international Soccer League match on Sunday.
HUNGARY: Vasas 0, Doozsa 0; Ferencvaros 3, Csepel 1; Debrecen 2, Győr 2; Honolud 0, Pecs 0; Dorog 2, MTK 0.
Previous Week's Games: AMERICA: Zaslavie (Poland) beat Guinaraes (Portugal) 1-0 in section two of the American International Soccer League in New York on July 15. There was no score at half-time.
HUNGARY, JULY 15: MTK 4, Komlo 2; Szeged 2, Csepel 0; Győr 0, Diosgyor 0; Tatabanya 5, Pecs 3; Ferencvaros 2, Dorog 1; Vasas 1, Debrecen 0.

RUSSIA, JULY 16: Moscow Torpedo 1, Kutaisi Torpedo 1; Gorky Volga 0, Moscow Central Army Sports Club 1; Yaroslavl Shinnik 1, Leningrad Zenith 0; Baku Neftyanik 0, Rostov on Don Army Sports Club 1; Alma-Ata Kairat 2, Donetsk Shakhtyor 2; Minsk Dynamo 0, Tbilisi Dynamo 0.

Croatia win
Croatia beat Austria 1-0 in

POLICEMAN MOVES ON

Senior Constable Keith Alvin, of Richmond South, who has been on regular duty at Olympic Park for more than five years, has been transferred to Pakenham.

The Victorian Federation will make him a presentation before he leaves.

Harry talks on THE game

Croatia winger Harry Richmond gave a talk on "Soccer to oust Aussie Rules" at Ormond Church of Christ Men's Society on Tuesday night. Harry is working with former football umpire Harry Beitzel as a public relations expert. His big job at the moment is the Mercy Milkrun Appeal.

Friendly wanted

The FCI of Werribee is looking for a friendly game. Any club interested in playing Werribee 892 may meet next Wednesday.

'GIVE US MONEY —AND SEE HOW WE GROW' ...

— A plea from the juniors

By FRED VILLIERS

If the Victorian Junior Soccer Federation had the money, there would be twice the number of juniors playing the game by 1969.

This is the opinion of Mr Dick Harvey, chairman of the junior body.

Dick, who is an executive of Ampol, sponsors of night Soccer in Victoria, believes there is no future for the game unless more money is spent on the promotion of the game in the schools.

He says the junior body is inundated with requests from schools in the country and the metropolitan area for help to introduce Soccer to schoolboys, but the Junior Federation has no money to help them.

Dick said the Junior secretary, Mr Don Joiner, had

recently received 15 letters from schools asking for assistance to start Soccer but his body was unable to supply the necessary balls, nets, strip and goalposts.

Dick told me the Federation executive was sympathetic but they had no answer to the juniors' problems.

But Dick says he has the answer. If a proportion of the Olympic Park gate each week was taken for junior promotion, as well as a proportion of the Pool's money, the juniors would have enough to help promote the game.

He said one executive member had suggested a

couple of international matches should be played with proceeds going towards the juniors, but Dick says this would raise only about £2000 and this would be insufficient for the big task ahead.

"Finance is our only problem," he said.

"Unless the juniors are supported there will be no Soccer in the future," he told me.

Reminder

At this stage Dick reminded me of what Sir Stanley Rous, FIFA president, told Victorian administrators during his visit here.

● To promote Soccer in Victoria administrators

R.I.P.

Juventus followers discovered a real coffin in a Carlton house after the Juventus-Triestina game.

The coffin, weighing 1 cwt, was painted in black and white stripes (Juventus colors) with an expensive set of burning candles and ribbon with the inscription "With sorrow and love."

The joke is believed to be the product of Triestina fans.

The coffin was quickly repainted red and then burned in front of Carlton Cemetery's gate.

—RINALDO GRANDI

must get rid of all glory-seeking officials, and

● Junior Soccer must be promoted to the full.

Dick says: "Give us the money we require and in five years the juniors will double in Victoria."

"Once we give juniors balls, strips, coaches and goalposts they will be in Soccer for ever."

Another problem the Junior administration faced was the unruly behavior of some of their adult officials.

Dick said the junior body would deal severely with anyone misbehaving at meetings or during the course of their duty.

Adult administrators who misbehaved would be suspended or a bond would be placed on their club.

"There have been instances lately where junior administrators have allowed their enthusiasm to cause them to lose control and behave in such a manner as to be a bad example to players under their control," he said.

"At a dinner for the Everton team in Melbourne, the Everton coach touched briefly on unruly behavior, on and off the field.

"I deal with tactics of course, and enthusiasm," he said, "but I do not go out and tell the boys to kill the other team, in fact, my last words to them are 'Go out and enjoy the game.'"

Dick said he wondered what some of the junior teams were told during pre-game briefing.

If juniors received the proper attention of all people associated with Soccer in Victoria today, then in 10 years time State League clubs would be able to field all Australian-born players in their teams. So says TED LEZON in this story on the Polonia youth program ...

THEY'VE THE WHOLE (SOCCER) WORLD IN THEIR HANDS . . .

Most State League clubs have under their wings junior teams ranging from eight to 18 years, and these are the clubs who will reap the benefit in years to come.

Polonia have an impressive record with juniors. They have eight clubs run by independent committees and affiliated with the mother club.

Some of the coaches of the juniors are "old boys" of Polonia. Polonia-Glenroy is coached by Bob Zablocki, former Victorian star player, and Olympia-St. Albans is coached by Ted Bialek.

In contrast, Steve Kalalik, one of the youngest members of the Polonia club, is coaching Polonia-Yarraville.

Former player R. Drania is now coaching Ardeer juniors and is showing excellent results with his teams of under-14 and under-18.

This week I spoke with the president of Ardeer JSC, Mr J. Klimecki.

Ardeer club is part of the Polish Charity Organisation in Ardeer, which looks after its needs and welfare.

The committee headed by Mr J. Klimecki and ably helped by Messrs B. Sawlac, H. Wrobel, K. Aniczak and J. Suski have acquired a fenced-in ground in Helene Reserve in Ardeer. They have put in a lot of man-hours to level the ground and make it suitable for the boys to play on.

The financial position of the club appears to be quite healthy, mainly due to hard work of the committee and the players.

Together with the Polish Charity Organisation they organise parties and dances, proceeds from which cover the expenses for the running of the club.

Ardeer JSC has three teams, under-12, under-14 and under-18 years. The under-12 team is coached by Mr A. Krupko, a former junior player.

All teams play in the North of the Yarra competition and their respective positions on the ladder are as follows: Under-12 occupy 4th place with 10 pts. and only 4 pts. from the top; Under-14 are on top with 15 pts. and an excellent goal average of 26 for and 1 against; Under-18 are second in their group.

There is real talent among the boys in Ardeer. Many of them have been selected to represent the

North of the Yarra District as well as Victoria in interstate matches.

But Ardeer JSC is only one of eight clubs associated with Polonia SC. Other clubs are equally well run and looked after with many enthusiastic youngsters kicking the round ball, thus assuring Soccer in Victoria a great future.

These are the lucky clubs. There are many others who do not enjoy these privileges.

We would like to hear their story, in the hope that we can draw the attention of people who should be concerned with their welfare and progress. Write to Soccer News, 52 Fitzroy St, St. Kilda.

FOOTNOTE: Ardeer under-12 and under-18 reached the junior cup final in their groups last Saturday.

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